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Examiner: Paul M. GURZO
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Appln. Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS,
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD,
AND DEVICE MANUFACTURED
THEREBY

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: April 23, 2003

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)										+ \$750/375		+ \$0		1179/1279			
14. Petition fee for												+ \$0					
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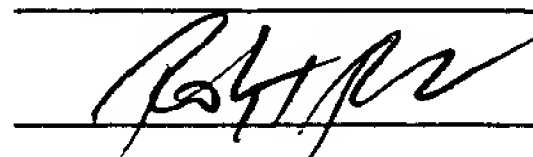
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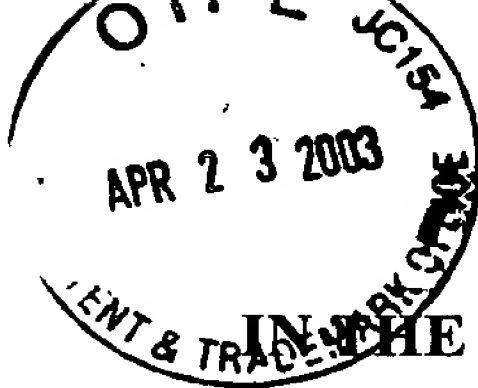
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 5, delete paragraph [0011] and replace it with the following new paragraph:

a1 [0011] To circumvent this problem it has been proposed in US 4,993,696 to use metal pipes made of stainless material for the supply and exhaustion of an operating fluid or gas in a vacuum ambience. Two adjacent pipes may then be coupled with each other by a joint, which is arranged to allow swingable movement of one of the pipes relative to the other. The metal pipes will not suffer from outgassing as the nylon conduits will do. A disadvantage of the joints is that it is very difficult to design joints that are totally closed for fluids or gases in a vacuum environment. Therefor there may be leakage of gases through the joint to the vacuum environment that will contaminate the vacuum environment.

At page 7, delete paragraph [0018] and replace it with the following new paragraph:

a2 [0018] According to a second aspect of the present invention there is provided a device manufacturing method comprising the steps of: